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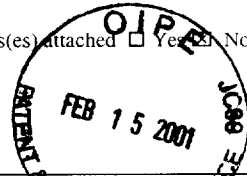


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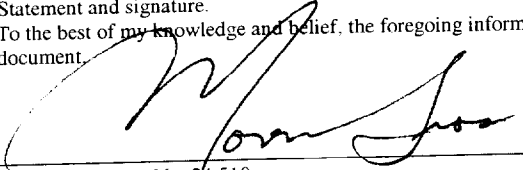
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Insert Name(s)
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the undersigned hereby sell(s) and assign(s) to

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Method for regulating aeration during waste water biological treatment.

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for which an application for patent in the United States of America has been executed by the undersigned

on December 1, 2000

Date of Signing
of Application

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